

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

On page 1, please amend the following paragraph starting on line 22 and ending on line 30:

The present invention is directed to a foamed pressure sensitive adhesive article having substantial cohesive strength, especially at elevated temperatures, that is higher than that which can be obtained without any chemical crosslinking. Typically cohesive strength of a pressure sensitive adhesive is directly associated with its shear holding power. Shear performance of the PSA foams of this invention is less dependent on total adhesive foamed article thickness and often shows better flexibility regarding material selection compared to foams covalently crosslinked through use of chemical crosslinking agents and/or irradiation treatment. The foam may be provided in a variety of shapes, including a rod, cylinder, sheet, etc.

On page 23, please amend the following subheading starting on line 10 and ending on line 10:

Coextrusion of ABA Foam - Method One

On page 25, please amend the following paragraph starting on line 2 and ending on line 11:

Foam core material forming the "B" layer was compounded in a twin screw extruder (40 mm Berstorff Model ZE, L/D = 40:1, 10 barrels). The composition of the "B" layer foamed material was similar to that of the unfoamed "A" layer material except the "B" layer material contained expandable microspheres. The [polymodal asymmetric] block copolymer elastomer (Kraton 1107 D or 1112D), 100 parts by weight, was fed into barrel 1 of the extruder using a vibratory feeder (Engelhardt, Model KDE-SP 200E, Germany). Solid PPO was introduced into barrel 1 using a K-Tron T-20 gravimetric feeder. PPO was added in 0, 15, or 37.5 parts per 100 parts elastomer. Antioxidant, UV stabilizer, and Escorez 1310LC tackifier were added to zone 2 in [a] ratios of 4:4:67, 4:4:100, or 4:4:150 parts per 100 parts [polymodal asymmetric] block copolymer elastomer.

On page 33, please amend the following paragraph starting on line 10 and ending on

"A" Layer material and Method [Three] Two for forming the ABA pressure sensitive foam

construction, except with some differences. [The styrenic block copolymer was] 100 parts polymodal asymmetric block copolymer was fed into barrel 1 of the extruder instead of Kraton 1107D or 1112D. [and t]The tackifier[,] Regalite R1125 was [present]used instead of Escorez 1310LC and was added to barrel 2 at 96 parts by weight per 100 parts polymodal asymmetric block copolymer in both the "A" layers and the "B" layer. PPO was [present] added to barrel 1 at 9 parts per 100 parts of polymodal asymmetric block copolymer in both the "A" layers and the "B" layer resulting in a wt ratio of styrene to PPO of 1. The "B" layer had 2 parts by weight expandable microspheres per 100 parts of [the] the rest of the materials in the "B" layer.